

REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 13-22 and 35 are pending in the present application.

Claim 1 is amended to remove "Formula (II)" since there is no corresponding Formula (I).

Applicants acknowledge and sincerely appreciate the allowance of claim 35.

Reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

The claims are believed to be allowable for the reasons set forth herein. Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-11 and 13-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kasahara (USP 6,838,135).

Kasahara is cited as reciting a polymer comprising not less than 5% of the repeating units of the claimed Formula.

Applicants respectfully disagree.

The group L_2 of the claimed formula comprises a linking group containing two or three carbon atoms which may be further

substituted. The linking group also has a hydroxyl group attached thereto. None of the compounds recited by Kasahara recite a linking group in accordance with L_2 of the claimed formula. Compounds 24-31 referred to by the Office have a linking group which is $-CO-CHCH_2$.

Applicants respectfully submit that Kasahara fails to recite a polymer in accordance with the Formula of claim 1 wherein L_2 is as defined. The rejection is therefore improper and withdrawal is respectfully requested.

The rejection of claim 1 is improper due to the failure of the cited art to teach the claimed chemical structure. Claims 2-11 and 13-22 ultimately depend from claim 1 and are patentable for, at least, the same reasons as claim 1.

The rejection of claims 1-11 and 13-22 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kasahara (USP 6,838,135) is traversed. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSIONS

All pending claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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